

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

VOLUNTEER WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action, no matter how big or small; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations, such as Volunteer Centers; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, volunteers work in their communities, utilizing their time and talent to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 27-May 3, 2008, service projects will be performed all over this great Nation, and volunteers will be recognized for their commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have the power to fight the pervasive feeling of social disconnection experienced by so many Americans, especially young people; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive Nation; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has distributed more than \$25 million in grant funds to programs in the state that are focused on service; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina experienced a 25.6% increase in volunteers from 2002-2005, ranked second nationally, according to the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes the value of volunteers and proudly joins the Nation in celebrating *National Volunteer Week*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 27-May 3, 2008, as "**VOLUNTEER WEEK**" in North Carolina, and I urge my fellow citizens to step forward and volunteer.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.